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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**HOLLYHILLS DRAIN, UNIT 8
ADDENDUM TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT APPROVAL
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Approve the enclosed Addendum to the Hollyhills Drain Environmental Impact Report to reflect a minor change to the alignment for Unit 8 and to find that implementing the project changes will not create new or more severe significant effects not considered in the project's Environmental Impact Report.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Public Works owns and maintains extensive flood control facilities to provide flood protection for residents within the County of Los Angeles. As part of this responsibility, we plan to award a contract to alleviate existing flooding problems.

An environmental impact analysis/documentation is a California Environmental Quality Act requirement that is to be used in evaluating the environmental impacts of this project and should be considered in the approval of this project. As the project administrator, we are also the lead agency in terms of meeting the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

This addendum to the Hollyhills Drain Environmental Impact Report addresses proposed changes to the alignment of Unit 8 of Hollyhills Drain, wherein the drain alignment is shifted out of Santa Monica Boulevard and North Orlando Avenue north of Romaine Street into the adjacent Romaine Street and North Kings Road. The new alignment reduces traffic disruption impacts on Santa Monica Boulevard without increasing or creating new impacts to the residents on the local streets.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence. By implementing the proposed improvements, residents of the County will be provided with enhanced flood protection in the project area, thus improving quality of life in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The proposed project is estimated to cost \$7 million. The revised alignment will not result in an increase to construction cost for the project. Funding for construction of the project is available to the Flood Control District. A construction contract will be advertised for bids at a later date, contingent on your approval.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report is necessary to address the construction phasing and the realignment of Hollyhills Drain, Unit 8. Based upon the Initial Study of Environmental Factors, the Addendum determined that the project will not have any additional impact on the environment. Therefore, approval of the Addendum is requested at this time.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The California Environmental Quality Act requires public agency decision makers to document and consider the environmental implications of their action. On January 31, 1995, your Board approved the Environmental Impact Report, and on September 29, 1998, a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report was approved for the Hollyhills Drain project.

This Addendum was prepared pursuant to and in compliance with Section 15164 of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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A Notice of Determination will be filed in accordance with the requirements of Section 21152(a) of the California Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The project will not have a significant impact on current services or projects currently planned.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**ADDENDUM TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)
HOLLYHILLS DRAIN**

- SUBJECT:** Preparation of an Addendum to an EIR in compliance with the State Guidelines for the Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act, Section 15164.
- PROJECT:** Hollyhills Drain-Unit 8: The construction and installation of approximately 5,900 feet of reinforced concrete pipe varying from 30 to 108 inches in diameter and 830 feet of reinforced concrete box varying from 6 to 10 feet in width and 7 to 11 feet in height to transport stormwater runoff from surface streets to Ballona Creek Channel. The underground storm drain will be installed near the center of the street and avoiding existing parallel utilities where feasible.
- LOCATION:** The drain will traverse portions of the Cities of Los Angeles and West Hollywood. The proposed drain starts from the intersection of Rosewood Avenue and San Vicente Boulevard extending easterly along Rosewood Avenue to West Knoll Drive then extends northerly along West Knoll Drive to Sherwood Drive. The drain continues easterly along Sherwood Drive to La Cienega Boulevard then extends northerly along La Cienega Boulevard to Waring Avenue. The alignment then continues along Waring Avenue from La Cienega Boulevard to North Orlando Avenue then extends northerly along North Orlando Avenue to Romaine Street. The alignment continues along Romaine Street from North Orlando Avenue to North Kings Road, extending northerly along North Kings Road, and ends at the southern side of Santa Monica Boulevard. (See attached map depicting the original alignment and the proposed realignment.)
- APPROVED
PROJECT
DESCRIPTION:** The original EIR and supplemental EIR addressed the construction of a large underground storm drain system extending southerly from the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and San Vicente Boulevard. The drain will be aligned through various streets and connect to several subsidiary systems. The drain ultimately outlets into the Ballona Creek Channel. The project consists of constructing eight units. The total storm drain will consist of approximately 42,000 feet

of reinforced concrete box and pipe construction. It will lie mostly within public street right of way in primarily residential and commercial areas. Unit 8 of the larger drain project was previously approved as set forth above except that the alignment previously continued north on North Orlando Street, past Romaine Street, to Santa Monica Boulevard and then along Santa Monica Boulevard to its intersection with Kings Road.

The procedure for constructing the concrete pipe sections for the revised realignment has not changed from those methods discussed and analyzed on the original EIR (EIR, pp 1-20 to 1-27).

**DATE OF
PROJECT
APPROVAL:**

Original EIR approved on January 31, 1995. Supplemental EIR approved on September 29, 1998.

**PUBLIC
AGENCY
APPROVING
PROJECT:**

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

**BACKGROUND
INFORMATION:**

The purpose of the proposed project is to provide increased flood protection and alleviate existing flooding problems.

**ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION
AND TECHNICAL
CHANGES:**

This Addendum to the EIR is necessary to address the realignment of Hollyhills Drain Unit 8 (see attached map).

The proposed realignment of the entire length of Unit 8 is set forth above. Unit 8, part A, is currently under construction, and part C has already been constructed. Unit 8B is currently proposed for construction. The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works determined that realignment of part of the storm drain from Orlando Avenue to Kings Road would increase the efficiency of the storm drain by providing supplemental drainage capacity to the existing DDI-11 storm drain on Kings Road. The original alignment of Unit 8 previously continued north on North Orlando Street, past Romaine Street, to Santa Monica Boulevard and then along Santa Monica Boulevard to its intersection with Kings Road. The proposed revised realignment will continue to extend northerly along North Orlando Avenue, but only to Romaine Street. The proposed revised realignment will then continue along Romaine Street from

North Orlando Avenue to North Kings Road, extending northerly along North Kings Road, and ends at the southern side of Santa Monica Boulevard.

As a result of the new alignment, minor technical changes to the EIR are necessary.

1. Traffic: The new alignment will reduce traffic impacts on Santa Monica Boulevard and Orlando Avenue as a result of the realignment off those roads and onto Romaine Street and Kings Road, which are beneficial since it would be less disruptive to thru traffic in the area. Orlando Avenue will no longer have to be closed from Waring Avenue to Santa Monica Boulevard, and Santa Monica Boulevard west of Orlando Avenue will no longer be significantly impacted. However, traffic impacts on Romaine Street and Kings Road will be disrupted on those streets as a result of the new alignment. The impacts to these streets will be less than those identified for the original alignment along Orlando Avenue and Santa Monica Boulevard as Romaine Street and Kings Road are not major thoroughfares in the area and handle primarily only local traffic. There will not be any road closures on Romaine Street or Kings Road. Thus, the overall traffic impacts from the realignment are less than the original alignment. The increased impacts to affected residents are very localized, of a short enough duration that they do not rise to the level of significance during the short term, and are consistent with discussion in the original and supplemental Environmental Impact Reports. Therefore, traffic impacts on residents would be considered less than significant.
2. Air quality: The short-term construction impacts on air quality in the area remained significant after mitigation (EIR, pp. 2.2-10.). As a result of the realignment, a small part of the current construction will take place in a more residential setting than originally proposed. However, the quantitative air quality analysis in the EIR does not change, since the amount of air pollutants from the revised alignment is the same as the original alignment, and the odors generated by trucks do not change. The impacts to the air quality on Romaine Street and Kings Road were within the worst-case potential plume of pollutants originally discussed (EIR, pp. 2.2-7). Accordingly, there is no change to the previous analysis or conclusions.
3. Noise: As a result of the realignment, the short-term noise impacts from construction sources will have a slightly increased impact along Romaine Street and Kings Road. The EIR identified short-term construction impacts as significant. The increased impact on Romaine Street and Kings Road residents from the realignment is

very small since they were proximate to the originally proposed construction site and does not change the significance conclusion or proposed mitigation measures in the original EIR. Accordingly, there is no change to the previous analysis or conclusions.

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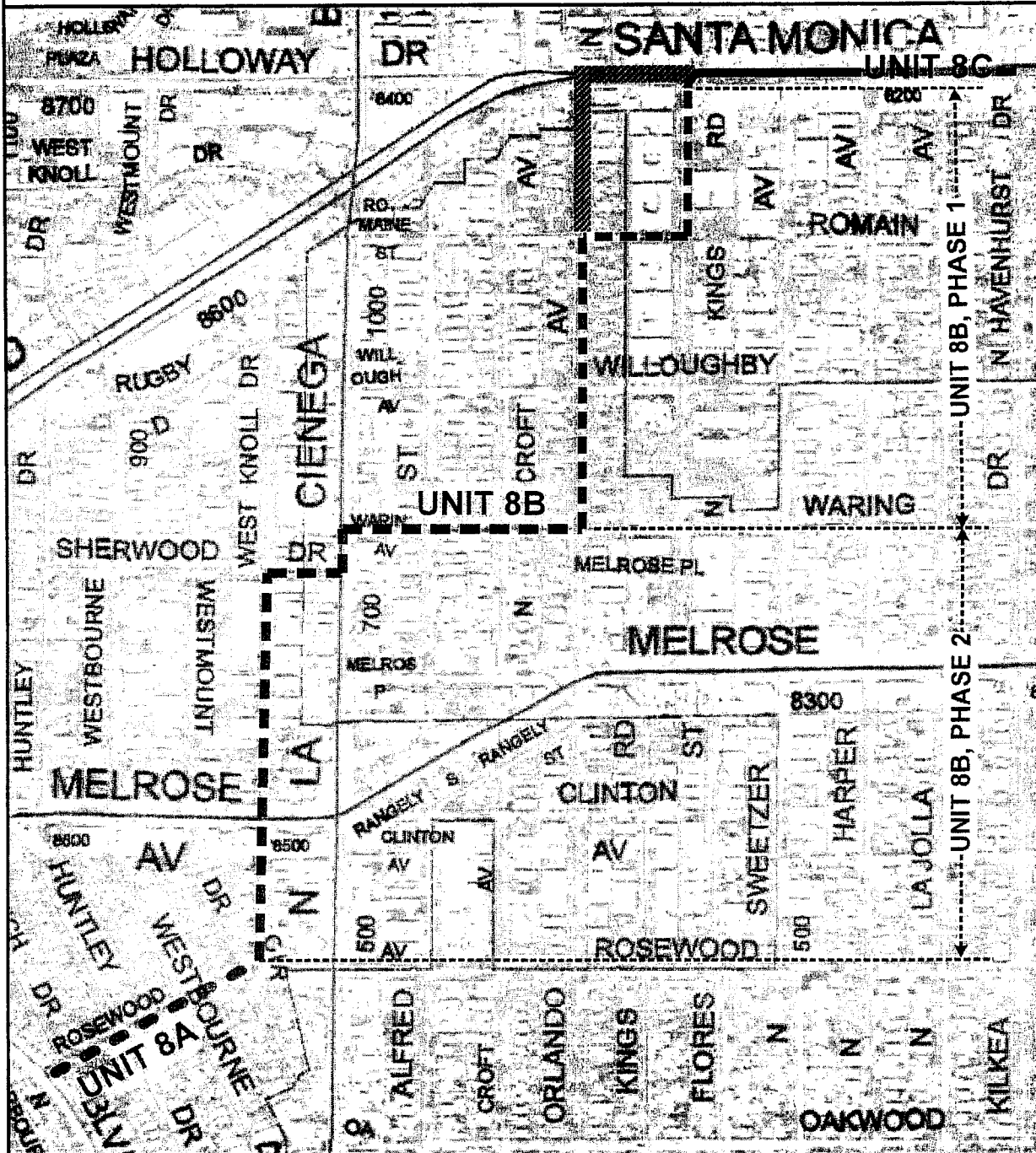
The changes discussed within this document are minor technical changes as discussed in State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines, Section 15164. The proposed realignment does not constitute a substantial change in the proposed project, does not substantially change the circumstances under which the project is proposed, and does not raise to the level of significant new information that would have triggered either a subsequent or supplemental EIR as discussed in Public Resources Code § 21166 or State California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines §§ 15162 and 15163. The proposed realignment will still have to comply with all previously identified feasible mitigation measures. Thus, the project will not result in any significant impacts.

ADDENDUM

PREPARATION:

This Addendum to the EIR was prepared by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division. The contact person is Ms. Sarah D. Scott at (626) 458-3916. This Addendum was completed on March 31, 2004.

HOLLYHILLS DRAIN, UNIT 8 ALIGNMENT



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STORM DRAIN	SYMBOL	STATUS
UNIT 8A	— — — — —	Under Construction
UNIT 8B	- - - - -	Phase 1 - Proposed Project Phase 2 - Final Design Phase
UNIT 8B (Deleted)	▨ ▨ ▨ ▨ ▨	Old Alignment, Deleted
UNIT 8C	—————	Constructed by City of West Hollywood